

1st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this finds you and your families well and that you have had a relatively enjoyable festive season.

You may have been hearing on the news that some schools will be opening in January and others will remain closed. Even though Haringey primary schools were not on the government list for extended closure, we are receiving reports from the local authority that due to the new COVID-19 variant, the rate of infection incidents remains dangerously high, posing a high risk to our community.

As a school we continue to take the safety of our children, parents and staff very seriously. We also want to support many of our families who find themselves in difficult work situations under very challenging circumstances.

After much discussion with the local authority and other school partners, we have decided to set two additional training days on **Monday 4th January** and **Tuesday 5th January**, which would mean that children return to school on the **Wednesday 6th January**. This will give us time to make the school safe and evaluate the current rate of infections amongst children and staff.

If we find that the number of infections in our school is too high for opening, then we will need to review the current plans. **On Tuesday 5th January**, we will let you know the final decision.

In the event of extended school closure, we will set up remote learning although the school will remain open only for key worker families and children who are in need of extra support. All other pupils will be expected to continue with their learning from home. Such details will be clarified only in the case of extended school closure.

We are aware that this information comes at a late stage and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. This is mainly due to a late notification by the Department for Education (DfE) and a need to seriously consider all the important factors facing us in the given circumstances. We can assure you that many discussions and meetings have had to take place in order to reach this decision which has not been an easy one. We do hope that you understand the current position of the school and the difficult situation we find ourselves in.

Finally, we wanted to let you know that Ms Shah, our headteacher, caught the COVID-19 virus and was ill over the holidays. She is getting better but it is a very slow process and the governors have asked her to rest and recover for at least the next week. Scott McKenna will be acting head supported by the Senior Management Team.

We want to thank you once again for the great support you have shown us this year under such extremely challenging times. Without such a supportive school community and excellent staff team we would not have managed such a challenging year!

We thank you in advance and wish you a more positive and stable 2021.

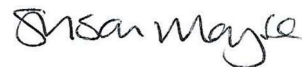
Kind Regards,



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